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Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. In most other locations, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was in a full range of cautiously steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate, instances good where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to ample for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed and continued to increase in availability as buyers watched for further market developments. Demand for additional product was light to at times moderate for normal to heavy breaking schedules. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the slow to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes. In Philadelphia prices were 1 cent lower on larger sizes, although .5 cent higher on medium. In New England the remaining sizes were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled and cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 4 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail demand was at times light to mostly moderate with features providing some extra interest. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings fully adequate to ample for the light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks at least fully adequate. Graded loose shell eggs steadily moved into breaking operations. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Offerings available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were unchanged on mediums, but lower on the larger sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady on mediums and barely steady to instances weak on the balance of sizes. Demand ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending June 21, 2002 was 63.25 cents, which was 1.20 cents more than a week earlier and 7.43 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were irregular and demand was light to moderate. Breaking schedules for this week were normal to heavy. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient to ample for the slow to fair demand.

WESTERN Prices 3-5 cents lower on jumbo, 2-5 cents lower on extra large and large, and 2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was unsettled to barely steady entering the week. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	99-101	92-94	72-74
New York	66-70	64-68	53-57
Philadelphia	64-69	63-67	52-55
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-63	56-59	43-46
Jackson (1)	66-68	63-65	48-50
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	65-77	62-74	50-61
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-59	53-57	43-47
Detroit (2)	51-56	50-55	43-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	53-57	52-55	41-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	54-61	53-59	43-48
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	56-65
Houston (1)	75-78	72-75	57-60
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	95	88	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 119, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free, brown large 169; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 98. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	103	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	95	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	88	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	75	MEDIUM	175-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 28, 2002 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 21, 2002 were 251,508 cases which was 12 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	210,732	40,776	251,508
% change from the			
prior week.....	+19	-14	+12

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were lower. Offerings fully adequate to ample for the light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks at least fully adequate. Graded loose shell eggs steadily moved into breaking operations. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-38	34-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with current schedules heavy. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JUN-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.75	8-9	8.99

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies ranged about adequate to at least adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JUN-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	8.25-9	8.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM June 24, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.9	18.5	7.7	11.5	11.2	60.8
	Change	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.5	-0.9	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.5	52.2	15.3	22.8	37.4	160.2
	Change	1.9	6.7	2.9	0.7	5.4	12%
Large	Curr Wk	48.5	126.5	63.9	65.1	116.0	420.0
	Change	4.7	4.0	2.4	-16.6	0.9	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.3	42.4	17.7	21.9	30.7	126.0
	Change	-3.0	-3.8	-0.7	-2.5	3.3	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	6.5	6.5	4.4	2.6	5.9	25.9
	Change	1.5	0.7	1.7	0.0	-2.5	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	17.2	12.2	11.1	7.6	52.8
	Change	0.3	-4.9	-1.1	-0.9	-0.5	-12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.0	58.6	16.3	29.3	33.8	157.0
	Change	0.6	-13.5	-6.7	-2.0	2.7	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	136.4	321.9	137.5	164.3	242.6	1,002.7
Percent	Change	6%	-3%	0%	-11%	4%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,002.7	-1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	305.5	6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,308.2	0%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 10, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 10, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 21, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
36.75								9.75								46.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	42.00	—	—	44.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	1.25						
GNR W 3	—	—	30.50	32.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.03	5.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	46.00	47.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.64	8.25						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.80	—	1.25	GL W MD	28.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	4.00						
GL W XL	—	—	49.25	51.00	36.31	—	10.00																
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	35.54	—	9.25																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	.50																
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	25.50	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.40	34.87	16.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	31.50	34.00	2.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/17/02-06/21/02

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
161.00								60.00								221.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	44.00	47.63		44.14	44.20	46.00	—	15.50	GNR W 1	—	49.00		—	—	—	—	.50						
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 3	—	42.00		—	—	—	—	.50						
GNR W 3	—	—		31.67	33.00	39.00	—	3.50	GL W J	—	—		—	—	—	61.00	2.25						
GNR BR 1	—	—		45.33	46.33	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	42.00	46.25		—	—	—	52.24	14.00						
GL W J	—	—		—	—	50.67	—	2.25	GL W LG	—	53.00		—	55.50	—	47.89	16.75						
GL W XL	—	52.28		50.67	52.42	36.58	—	44.50	GL W MD	29.44	—		—	—	—	35.19	6.25						
GL W LG	—	51.06		39.00	48.64	36.69	—	28.75	NRBS - 45	—	—		—	41.00	—	—	2.00						
GL W MD	—	40.00		37.05	40.88	27.00	36.00	12.25															
GL W SM	—	21.50		23.58	25.38	—	27.50	4.00															
NRBS - 50	—	—		30.00	32.00	—	—	.25															
NRBS - 48	—	41.00		41.50	41.91	37.14	39.44	115.25															
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	36.50	32.25	34.00	4.25															
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—	33.00	34.50	3.00															
NRBS - 39	—	—		24.67	26.33	—	30.00	14.75															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 06/09/02 - 06/15/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	84	84
Colorado	0	0	2,639	2,639
Georgia	0	0	1,698	1,698
Idaho	0	0	1,686	1,686
Iowa	7,134	820	46,073	54,027
Maine	0	770	2,178	2,948
Michigan	0	840	1,771	2,611
Minnesota	0	2,355	4,772	7,127
Missouri	0	0	1,285	1,285
Montana	0	0	1,284	1,284
New Hampshire	840	0	840	1,680
Ohio	0	660	3,490	4,150
Oregon	2,871	269	0	3,140
Texas	0	780	1,710	2,490
Utah	2,340	2,985	4,407	9,732
Washington	0	348	0	348
Wisconsin	0	0	1,530	1,530
TOTAL	13,185	9,827	75,447	98,459

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	80-83	73-76	53-56	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
57-67	51-54	48-53	40-44	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-37	24-28	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>06/17/02</u>	<u>06/10/02</u>	<u>06/18/01</u>
PACIFIC COAST	282	285	372
LOS ANGELES	257	260	328

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 6/9/02-6/15/02

30-dozen cases 6,852

Receipts from the mainland: 6/2/02-6/8/02

30-dozen cases 6,247

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
79.96	76.96	63.27	46.27

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